

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3243 - HB 3654

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that each child placed for temporary care or adoption by private individuals or officials of an unchartered or unlicensed child caring institution, child placing agency, or maternity home is a separate Class A misdemeanor offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, private individuals, including midwives, physicians, nurses, hospital officials, lawyers, and the officials of any non-charted or non-licensed child caring institution, child placing agency, or maternity home are prohibited from engaging in the placement of children for temporary care or for adoption. A violation is currently a Class A misdemeanor.
- Specifying that each child placed is a separate offense may increase the number of prosecutions; however, it is estimated that there will not be a sufficient number of additional prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- According to Department of Children's Services, this will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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